

Regulation and Policy Committee
The Place at Innsbrook, Glen Allen, Virginia
May 11, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jennie Collins – Chair, Jim Chandler, Gary Critzer, David Hoback, Mike Staples, Karen Wagner, Joseph Pozzo, Catherine Hudgins, Greg Woods

Staff: Michael Berg, Gary Brown

Others: Byron Andrews, Don Taylor, Randy Abernathy, John Bianco, Linda Hale, Linda Johnson, Coan Agee

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order @ 1503 hours. Mr. Greg Woods was presented as the newest member of the Committee and introductions were made.	
Approval of the February 9, 2006 minutes	Minutes approved as distributed, one (1) abstention (absent for previous meeting).	
Unfinished Business		
Final Exemptions	Staff presented updates regarding the Nursing Compact and Wheelchair Interfacility Transportation Final Exempt regulations. No information indicates that they are being processed through the NOIRA without issue. Staff has met with the Department of Planning and Budget regarding the economic impact of the repeal of the EMS plan and now awaiting a letter from the AG's office to move forward with this repeal. The AED repeal is moving as well without issue.	Staff to continue with NOIRA process for the regulations identified.
Civil Penalties	Mr. Critzer presented a draft proposal for language to be incorporated in the upcoming regulations regarding the addition of civil penalties under 12 VAC 5-31-210 Enforcement actions.	A motion passed to accept the proposed language. (Hoback/Rhodes).
Board of Pharmacy	Staff and representatives from the Committee and the Advisory Board are scheduled to meet with the Board of Pharmacy on Monday May 15, 2006 to introduce proposal for consideration regarding EMS and the Board of Pharmacy Regulations.	Staff to report at next meeting.
Medevac Regulations	Staff has submitted the proposed Medevac Regulations to the AG's office for their review and comment. It appears the timeline is such that these will be included in the overall regulatory update process and not separate as once planned.	No action required.
Financial Assistance/EMS Council Designation	Staff is scheduled to meet with the Department of Planning and Budget on Tuesday May 16, 2006 to review the economic impact on the proposed regulations.	Staff to report at next meeting.
Legislative Update	The Chair shared with the Committee the request from Dr. Guins to allow for a presentation at the next regularly schedule Committee meeting information and clarification on HB 598, regarding mandated reporting by EMS providers for suspected child abuse cases (similar to that currently for elder abuse). A motion is expected to be made at the GAB to have this committee to review and offer objective comments as to support or not for the proposed legislation. Dave Hoback shared that VAGEMSA will most likely support an initiative to amend the <i>Code of</i>	Staff to assist with presentation and monitor and support VAGEMSA process.

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	<i>Virginia</i> to include EMS agencies to be allowed to run NCIC check on applicants. Discussion ensued regarding out-of-state applicants and residents who work and/or volunteer with Virginia EMS agencies that may have out-of-state issues, but they do not appear on the current VSP CCRH.	
EVOC	Mr. Don Taylor, Chairman of the Transportation Committee and staff presented proposed language change to the current definition of EVOC. This change includes reference to the DOT document as the national curriculum or as approved by OEMS.	A motion passed to accept the proposed language change (Hoback/Chandler).
12 VAC 5-31-910	Since the last meeting, Committee members Staples, Hoback and Collins have submitted various proposed language changes for this section. After a short but kind debate, the committee accepted a modified version as proposed by the Chair. A friendly amendment passed to include bi-annual DMV check by the agencies.	A motion passed to accept the Chair's proposed language change to include the friendly amendment and any additional changes as discussed at this meeting. (Rhodes/Staple). A clean copy will be forwarded to the committee members.
12 VAC 5-31-380	Mr. Ed Rhodes presented proposed language regarding this section dealing with twenty-four (24) hour coverage by a DEAR agency.	A motion passed to accept the proposed language change. (Rhodes/Hoback).
New Business		
Regulation and Compliance Update	Staff reported that Mrs. S. Heather Phillips has been selected to fulfill the second Supervisory role recently vacated by the departure of Ms. Doak. Heather has been a program rep for the last five years and comes with many assets to the position. Interviews are being conducted to fulfill the position of EMS Program Representative for the TEMS/PEMS service area and with the departure of Mr. Tim Kimble; interviews are being established for the REMS/CSEMS service area. In addition, the administrative support within the Division is currently vacant secondary to a worker comp injury. Current staff is working to fill the void until the employee returns (June or July).	Ongoing.
Work Sessions	With the self imposed deadline for the review package to be presented to the EMS Advisory Board in November, staff in consultation with the Chair feels at least two additional work sessions will need to be scheduled in order to review the current work and that needing to be submitted by Training, Communications, and others.	It was the consensus of the Committee members that the Chair and staff establish the dates a location for the work sessions.
Informational	Mr. Rhodes presented information regarding § 46.2-920 regarding ambulances and fire apparatus – an effort is being made to amend the <i>Code of Virginia</i> to mandate that EMS and Fire vehicles come to a complete stop at all controlled intersections before proceeding through (currently is worded “with due regard for safety...”).	No action required, will monitor.
PUBLIC COMMENT		None
NEXT MEETING	August 3, 2006 The Place at Innsbrook, 3:00 P.M.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 1645 hours.	